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NEWS

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SCAQMD Issues Smoke Advisory for Fire Burning in the Highland Area

This advisory is in effect today, June 27, 2017, through the morning of June 28, 2017. SCAQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

A brush fire, named the Mart Fire, is burning in San Bernardino County, in the city of Highland. The burn area was estimated this evening to be 300 acres with no containment. Winds are expected to be primarily from the west, with smoke moving into the San Bernardino Mountains. Air quality may reach **Unhealthy** levels in areas directly impacted by smoke.

Areas of direct smoke impacts and **Unhealthy** air quality will likely include:

- Portions of the Central San Bernardino Valley (Forecast Area 34);
- Portions of the East San Bernardino Valley (Forecast Area 35);
- Portions of the Central San Bernardino Mountains (Forecast Area 37); and
- Portions of the Big Bear Lake Area (Forecast Area 38).

All individuals are urged to exercise caution and avoid unnecessary outdoor activities in any area directly impacted by smoke. This includes areas where residents can see or smell smoke.

In any area directly impacted by smoke: Everyone should avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor exertion; people with respiratory or heart disease, the elderly, and children should remain indoors. Keep windows and doors closed or seek alternate shelter. Run your air conditioner if you have one and keep the fresh air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. Avoid using a swamp cooler or whole-house fan to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. To avoid worsening the health

effects of wildfire smoke, don't use indoor or outdoor wood-burning appliances, including fireplaces.

SCAQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link:

<ftp://ftp.aqmd.gov/pub/globalist/Advisory.pdf>

To subscribe to air quality alerts, advisories and forecasts by email, go to

<http://AirAlerts.org>

To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map, see

<http://www3.aqmd.gov/webappl/gisagi2/home.aspx>

For more tips on avoiding health impacts from smoke, see SCAQMD Fire Safety Alert

Factsheets at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/public-information/publications#factsheet>

SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency for Orange County and major portions of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

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